

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

United States Department of Energy State of Tennessee

I. Common Interests

- Completing the cleanup of the nuclear weapons legacy as expeditiously as possible and in compliance with state and federal requirements
- Obtaining a commitment to predictable and adequate funding to complete the cleanup
- Optimizing the dollars within each site to ensure a program that addresses risk reduction, compliance and completing the cleanup
- Continuing investments in science and technology
- Finding ways, where feasible and cost effective, to integrate our waste management challenges among sites
- Ensuring safe and efficient transportation of nuclear and hazardous waste
- Ensuring credible and flexible regulatory oversight needed to accomplish real environmental cleanup results
- Recognition that our sites are vast natural resource assets
- Commitment to protect our groundwater resources

II. How we can work together to achieve our common interests

- Ongoing and active consultation and communication between individual Governors and the Secretary and among the collective group
- Timely and complete sharing of information and response to issues of concern
- Commitment to Executive involvement and communication to resolve disputes, in particular, in advance of initiation of any legal action
- Development of mechanisms to ensure that individual decisions are not made in a vacuum and that the cumulative impact of these decisions can be easily understood

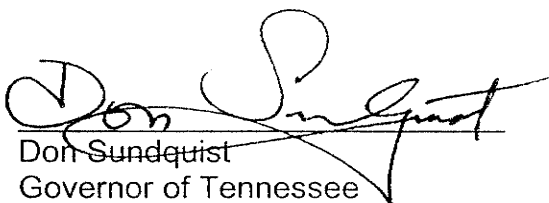
- Better education of the public, the Congress, and the Administration on the historic and continued importance of our sites and the need for predictable and adequate funding to complete the cleanup
- Commitment to use land and other assets for other purposes
- Greater attention paid to the future role and mission of each site and its place within the overall complex
- Development of better mechanisms for interaction with stakeholders

III. Issues of specific interest to the State of Tennessee


The DOE and the State of Tennessee will continue to work together to achieve the following goals:

- Ensure sufficient annual funding to continue cleanup in accordance with existing agreements and in compliance with applicable regulations and orders as soon as practicable after the start of FY 2000
- Finalize and implement a final disposition path for low level waste and mixed low level waste generated and/or stored on the Oak Ridge Reservation as expeditiously as possible
- Develop and implement a shipment and disposal plan for remote handled transuranic (TRU) waste that complements operation of the Oak Ridge Reservation TRU waste processing facility
- Develop cleanup levels for parcels that meet applicable regulatory requirements and are mutually acceptable to the Federal government, the State, and surrounding communities, in accordance with the Federal Facility Agreement for the Oak Ridge Reservation
- Develop a cleanup, land use and reindustrialization plan at the East Tennessee Technology Park (former K-25 site) that meets a mutually acceptable endpoint by December 1, 1999
- Develop and submit a plan on long term stewardship to Congress by October 1, 2000, consistent with the FY2000 Defense Authorization Bill, that is mutually acceptable to DOE, the State of Tennessee and surrounding communities
- Pursue disposition path for depleted uranium hexafluoride (DUF6), including discussion and decisions regarding final disposition of products, and ensure sufficient funding to package and transport DUF6 from Oak Ridge, Tennessee to Portsmouth, Ohio to meet the conversion start date of FY2004

- Ensure sufficient funds to support the public health forum and work with the surrounding communities toward a resolution of public health and safety concerns
- Finalize an agreement to ensure funding for long term surveillance and maintenance and sign a Record of Decision for an onsite CERCLA waste disposal facility, consistent with ongoing discussions between DOE and the State
- Develop and implement a revised TSCA Burn Policy, which will satisfy state equity and regulatory requirements and meet DOE complex-wide mixed waste treatment needs as expeditiously as possible


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